



Amoskeag Millyard Scenic & Cultural Byway



The Merrimack River has had a profound effect on the region's history and growth.
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The Industrial Revolution brought about significant and lasting impacts to our cities and towns. Visit the Amoskeag Millyard Scenic and Cultural Byway to understand the important role the Merrimack River played not only in this area's development, but in the nation's industrial history.

The Amoskeag Millyard Scenic and Cultural Byway passes through the heart of Manchester, the largest city in the state. Along this one mile byway you will pass what was once the largest textile manufacturing complex in the world. Many of the original buildings constructed along both sides of the Merrimack River remain. Beyond its importance to the industrial revolution, the Merrimack River also provides access to many scenic and recreational opportunities.

The byway is located off of I-293 in Manchester on Commercial Street. The mile-long stretch of roadway begins just below the Amoskeag Falls, a major Native American fishway site 8-10,000 years ago, on the east bank of the Merrimack River. You'll pass through the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company complex including the millyard and mill housing complexes and see impressive views of a major waterfall and long sections of whitewater river. Be sure to stop in at Mill 3 to visit the Amoskeag Millyard Scenic and Cultural Byway Visitor Orientation Center. At this rest area you'll learn more about the important industrial heritage of Manchester. Along the byway you will also see the Amoskeag Falls and Fishway, the New Hampshire Heritage Trail, and the Amoskeag Heritage Walk.

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